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SUBJECT: DISPOSITION OF ROME HIJACKERS

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LIBYA IS EXERTING STRONG PRESSURE ON FEDAYEEN LEADERS NOT TO PUNISH THE TERRORISTS WHO ATTACKED A PAN AMERICAN AIRLINER AND HIJACKED A LUFTHANSA AIRCRAFT FROM ROME AIRPORT IN MID-DECEMBER.

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THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT IS THREATENING TO SEVER ITS FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONNECTIONS WITH THE PLO AND FATAH UNLESS THEY BACK AWAY FROM THEIR INTENT TO DEAL HARSHLY WITH TERRORISTS, NOW BEING HELD IN KUWAIT. AS A RESULT OF THIS PRESSURE, THE PLO REPORTEDLY HAS DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TERRORISTS, BUT TO INSIST THAT THEY REMAIN IN THE

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CUSTODY OF KUWAITI OFFICIALS. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, THE
TERRORISTS ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD BE RELEASED AFTER A LIMITED
IMPRISONMENT. [REDACTED]

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